

Region 4 USAGTT October 2007 Newsletter

World Championship Team

The 2007 World Championship Team was announced and seven Region 4 athletes were named to the team. Congratulations to: Jeffrey Brown and Gus Roethlisberger, tumbling, Josh Vance, Stephen Raymond, Andrew Muzzarelli, and Sarah Prosen, double-mini, and Michael Devine, trampoline.

WAG's Team

The 2007 World Age Group Team was announced and 26 Region 4 athletes were named to the team. Congratulations to:

Trampoline: Jane Truster, Hayley Butcher, Kristin Waligora, KJ Heger, Zach Griffin, Andrew Muzzarelli, Kevin Heger, Desiree Barker, Melissa Ruggiero, Bradon Muilenburg, and Ryan Walsh.

Tumbling: Shelby Allen, Anna Filipcic, Alexandra Stallons, Sandra Bugariu, Samantha Shepard, Riki Singstock, Kristin Waligora, Maurice Dunker, Aaron Cook, Courtney Osborn, Shea Meyers, Kile Allen, Joshua Cox

Double-Mini: Tristan VanNatta, Anna Filipcic, Kristin Waligora, Joe Green, KJ Heger, Aaron Cook, Courtney Osborn, Zach Griffin, Kevin Heger, Andrew Muzzarelli, Ken Corner

World' Coaches

The 2007 World Championships and World Age Group coaches were named and the following Region 4 coaches were named. Congratulations to them for all their hard work!

World Championships: Jon Beck, Dr. George Drew, Larry Gleason, and Shaun Kempton

World Age Group's: Ute Heger, Carl Neidholdt, and Pete Roberts

Funding for Athletes

Region 4 will be helping fund the athletes going to World Championships and World Age Groups. The amount of the funding for the World Age Group athletes will not be determined until the final list of all athletes attending is finished. It will be around \$500 per athlete. In order to receive the funds the athletes must fill out the athlete funding form found on the Region 4 website and fax to Mary Lynn **AFTER** competing in the competition. Checks will then be sent directly to the athletes.

2007 All-Star Competition

At Nationals this past summer Region 4 came in second by .1 to Region 3. Our athletes did a great job as usual and we need to congratulate them. We also need to get the crown back next year. We won both tumbling groups as well as women's trampoline, but

for the first time ever we did not win either double-mini group. Let's work really hard to get our Level 10 athletes back to the top of the podium at next year's Nationals.

Region 4 Athlete Clinic

The Region 4 athlete clinic will be held October 6-7, 2007 in Pecatonica, IL. It will be held in J&J's gym. Clinicians will be Brad Davis, Joy Umenhofer, Tatiana Kovaleva, and Peggy Rayson. There are still spots available but the deadline is Saturday, September 22nd so get your forms and money in soon. Let's take full advantage to learn from these experienced coaches. There will also be all Judges courses, Jump Start Administrator's Course, and the Level 1 Coaches course available as well. All the information is on the Region 4 website.

2008 Region 4 Championships

The 2008 Region 4 Championships will be held May 16-17, 2008 in Highland, IN at the Lincoln Center. All the details will be up on the website towards the end of October. Mark your calendars now so that all your athletes can participate in this competition. Also, we need to have as many Level 10 athletes as possible attend Regionals so that

they can be named to the Region 4 All-Star Team.

New Region 4 Policies for the 2007-2008 season

Sr. Athlete Funding

Beginning as of the 2007-2008 season the Region 4 Board has voted that in order for the Sr. Elite athletes to be eligible for funding from Region 4 they must attend Regional Championships. This is important so that the lower level athletes can watch them and be inspired by them. The Sr. Elite athletes will not be charged an entry fee for Regionals so that will help cut down on the extra expense for them. If for some reason a Sr. athlete can not compete, such as an injury, let Mary Lynn know and they can participate in some other way, such as handing out awards.

All Region 4 information will be accessed from the website

There will no longer be hard copies of information sent out to the clubs. All the information you need will be posted on the website. The address is www.usagttregioniv.com. This will help cut down on expense as well as time. The website will be updated toward the end of October with all the new information for the upcoming season. If, after that, you notice something that needs to be changed please e-mail me and let me know.

